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AMENDED AND NEW CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A portable flask comprising:

a first panel having a first top, a first bottom and a first perimeter, said first panel being formed of

a flexible liquid retaining material;

a second panel having a second top, a second bottom and a second perimeter, said second panel

being formed of a flexible liquid retaining material and being sized to be substantially the
same in projection as said first panel;

a perimeter seal formed [at said first perimeter of said first panel and at said second perimeter of

said second panel, said perimeter seal] by joining said first perimeter of said first panel to
said second perimeter of said second panel to define a liquid retaining volume;

a first spout [configured for sealing placement] having a first base sealed in said perimeter seal,

said [first spout having a] first base with a first aperture formed therein for

communicating liquid into and out of [between] said liquid retaining volume [and exterior of said portable flask]; and

a second spout having a based sealed [configured for sealing placement] in said perimeter seal, said [second spout having a] second base [with]having an aperture formed therein for communicating liquid into and out of [between] said liquid retaining volume [and exterior of said portable flask].

2. (Amended) The portable flask of claim [1] 42 wherein said first spout is positioned proximate said first top and said second top; and wherein said second spout is positioned proximate said first top and said second top spaced from said first spout.

8. (Amended) The portable flask of claim [1] 42 wherein said perimeter seal is a flat seal having a depth.

14. (Amended) The portable flask of claim [1] 42 further including a first cap sized and configured for sealing removable attachment to said first spout to inhibit the movement of liquids [between] into and out of said liquid retaining volume [and exterior of said portable flask] and a second cap sized and configured for sealing removable attachment to said second spout to inhibit the movement of liquids [between] into and out of said liquid retaining volume [and exterior of said portable flask].

16. (Amended) The portable flask of claim [1] 42 further including a third panel formed of a flexible liquid retaining material, said third panel being sized to attach to and extend

between said first bottom and said second bottom, said third panel being sealed to said first panel and said second panel at said first bottom and said second bottom and upward therefrom along opposite sides of said first panel and said second panel.

27. (Amended) A portable flask comprising:

a first panel having a top, a bottom and a perimeter, said first panel being formed of a flexible liquid retaining material;

a second panel having a top, a bottom and a perimeter, said second panel being formed of a flexible liquid retaining material and being sized to be substantially the same in projection as said first panel;

a perimeter seal formed about the perimeter of said first panel and said perimeter of said second panel joining said perimeter of said first panel to said perimeter of said second panel to define a liquid retaining volume within said perimeter;

a first spout [configured for sealing placement] having a first base sealed in said perimeter seal, said first base [with] having [an] a first aperture formed therein for communicating liquid between said liquid retaining volume and exterior of said portable flask, said first base having a first outer surface and a second outer surface spaced from said first outer surface with said first aperture positioned thereinbetween, said first outer surface and said second outer surface each configured to be sealed into said perimeter seal between said perimeter of said first panel and said perimeter of said second panel proximate the top of said first panel and the top of said second panel; and

a second spout [for sealing attachment] sealed in one of said first panel and said second panel.

30. (Amended) The portable flask of claim 27 further including a third spout [configured for sealing placement] having a third base sealed in said perimeter seal, said [third spout having a] third base [with] having [an] a third aperture formed therein for communicating liquid between said liquid retaining volume and exterior of said portable flask, said third base having a first outer surface and a second outer surface spaced from said first outer surface with said third aperture positioned thereinbetween, said first outer surface and said second outer surface each configured to be sealed into said perimeter seal between said perimeter of said first panel and said perimeter of said second panel proximate the top of said first panel and the top of said second panel.

32. (Amended) A portable flask assembly comprising:

a first panel having a top, a bottom and a perimeter, said first panel being formed of a flexible liquid retaining material;

a second panel having a top, a bottom and a perimeter, said second panel being formed of a flexible liquid retaining material and being sized to be substantially the same in projection as said first panel;

a perimeter seal formed about the perimeter of said first panel and said perimeter of said second panel joining said perimeter of said first panel to said perimeter of said second panel to define a liquid retaining volume within said perimeter;

a first spout having a first base sealed [configured for sealing placement] in said perimeter seal, said [first spout having a] first base [with] having [an] a first aperture formed therein for communicating liquid between said liquid retaining volume and exterior of said portable flask, said first base having a first outer surface and a second outer surface spaced from

said first outer surface with said first aperture positioned thereinbetween, said first outer surface and said second outer surface each configured to be sealed into said perimeter seal between said perimeter of said first panel and said perimeter of said second panel proximate the top of said first panel and the top of said second panel;

 a first cap sized and configured for sealing removable attachment to said first spout to inhibit the movement of liquids between said liquid retaining volume and exterior of said portable flask, said first cap including first tube connection means for connecting a flexible tube thereto to be in communication with said first spout and the interior of said flask to transfer fluids between the interior of said flask and exterior said flask;

 a bite valve attached to the distal end of said flexible tube for placement in the mouth of a user , said bite valve being operable between a closed position inhibiting the flow of fluids therethrough and an open position in which fluids are not inhibited from flowing therethrough;

 a second spout [for sealing attachment] sealed in one of said first panel and said second panel; second cap sized and configured for sealing removable attachment to said second spout to inhibit the movement of liquids between said liquid retaining volume and exterior of said portable flask, said second cap including second tube connection means for connecting a second flexible tube thereto to be in communication with said second spout and the interior of said flask to transfer air between the interior of said flask and exterior said flask; and

 pump means attached to the distal end of said second flexible tube for pumping air into said interior of said flask.

37. (New) The portable flask assembly of claim 32 wherein said pump means is a bulb having a side wall defining an interior, a first aperture and a second aperture , said side wall being deformable and operable between a first position in which the bulb has a first volume and a second position in which the bulb is deformed to have an interior with a second volume smaller than said first volume, wherein said pump means further includes a valve connected between said bulb and said distal end of said second tube, said valve being operable between an open position to allow fluid therpast and a closed position inhibiting the flow of fluid therpast, wherein said bulb has a first aperture for connecting to said valve and a second aperture, and wherein a check valve is connected to said second aperture, said check valve being operable between an open position by which fluid may pass therethrough from exterior said bulb to interior said bulb and a closed position to inhibit the flow of fluid from interior said bulb to exterior said bulb.

38. (New) A portable flask comprising:

a first panel having a first top, a first bottom and a first perimeter, said first panel being formed of a flexible liquid retaining material;

a second panel having a second top, a second bottom and a second perimeter, said second panel being formed of a flexible liquid retaining material and being sized to be substantially the same in projection as said first panel;

a perimeter seal formed at said first perimeter of said first panel and at said second perimeter of said second panel, said perimeter seal being effected by joining said first perimeter of said first panel to said second perimeter of said second panel to define a liquid retaining volume;

a first spout having a first base sealed in said perimeter seal, said first a first base having a first aperture formed therein for communicating liquid into and out of said liquid retaining volume; and

a second spout having a base sealed in one of said perimeter seal and said first panel, said second spout having an aperture for communicating liquid into and out of said liquid retaining volume.

39. (New) A portable flask comprising:

a side wall means for defining a liquid retaining volume, said side wall means being formed of a flexible liquid retaining material and said side wall means having at least an upper edge and a lower edge;

a perimeter seal formed in said upper edge of side wall means and in said lower edge of said side wall means;

a first spout having a first base sealed in said perimeter seal, said first base having a first aperture formed therein for communicating liquid into and out of said liquid retaining volume, said first base having a first outer surface and a second outer surface spaced from said first outer surface with said first aperture positioned thereinbetween, said first outer surface and said second outer surface each configured to be sealed into said perimeter seal; and

a second spout sealed into one of said perimeter seal and said first panel, said second spout having a second aperture for communicating liquid into and out of said liquid retaining volume.

40. (New) The portable flask of claim 39 wherein said second spout has a flange sealed to said first panel and wherein said second spout is sized for communicating solids into and out of said liquid retaining volume.

41. The portable flask of claim 40 wherein said second spout is sized for communicating ice cubes into said liquid retaining volume.

42. (New) The portable flask of claim 39 wherein said second spout has a second base sealed in said perimeter seal, said second base having a first outer surface and a second outer surface spaced from said first outer surface with said second aperture positioned thereinbetween, said first outer surface and said second outer surface each being configured to be sealed into said perimeter seal.

43. (New) The portable flask of claim 41 further including a third spout having a third base sealed in said perimeter seal, said third base having a first outer surface and a second outer surface spaced from said first outer surface with a third aperture positioned thereinbetween, said first outer surface and said second outer surface each being configured to be sealed into said perimeter seal.

44.(New) A portable flask assembly comprising:
a side wall formed of a flexible liquid retaining material to define a liquid retaining volume, said side wall having at least a side wall top edge and a side wall bottom edge;
a perimeter seal formed in and along said side wall top edge and in said side wall bottom edge;

a first spout having a first base sealed in said perimeter seal, said first base having a first aperture formed therein for communicating liquid between the interior and exterior of said liquid retaining volume, said first base having a first outer surface and a second outer surface spaced from said first outer surface with said first aperture positioned thereinbetween, said first outer surface and said second outer surface each being configured to be sealed into said perimeter seal;

first tube connection means connecting a flexible tube to said first spout to communicate fluids into and out of the liquid retaining volume;

a bite valve attached to the distal end of said flexible tube for placement in the mouth of a user, said bite valve being operable between a closed position inhibiting the flow of fluids therethrough and an open position for the flow of fluids therethrough;

a second spout sealed in one of said side wall and said perimeter seal;

second tube connection means connecting a second flexible tube to said second spout to transfer air between the exterior of said flask and interior said flask; and

pump means attached to the distal end of said second flexible tube for pumping air into said interior of said flask.